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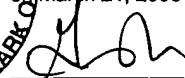
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### AMENDMENT

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The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2004.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.